



JANUARY 18, 2022

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
PALOS HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called to order the regular meeting of the City of Palos Heights City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the City Administrative Center, 7607 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, IL

**II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Mayor led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the following were present:

<i>Mayor</i>	Robert Straz	<i>Ward 1</i> Donald Bylut & Jeffrey Key
<i>City Clerk</i>	Thomas Kantas	<i>Ward 2</i> Jack Clifford & Robert Basso
<i>City Treasurer</i>	James Daemicke	<i>Ward 3</i> Brent Lewandowski & Heather Begley
<i>City Attorney</i>	Tom Brown	<i>Ward 4</i> Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

**V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting - December 21, 2021
- Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending January 14, 2022.

Alderman McGovern moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Alderman Bylut. On roll call, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda was:

Ayes: (8) Begley, Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Lewandowski, McGrogan, McGovern

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**VII. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS**

None

**VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

A. Mayor:

- The Mayor reported on the recent opening of Promedica which is the former Manor Care on College Drive. Tomorrow will be the opening of Haven Golf on Harlem Avenue. The Mayor commended the business community for its perseverance during the pandemic.
- The Mayor requested a motion to approve a Resolution acknowledging the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau as our Convention and Visitors Bureau of record. Alderman Clifford moved to approve the resolution seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor requested approval to appoint Patrick Keough to the Library Board of Trustees for a 3-year term, expiring 01- 18-2025. Alderman Lewandowski moved to approve the appointment seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor requested a motion to approve the purchase of the property located at 12303 South 71st Court for the amount of \$210,000.00 and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract and any and all other pertinent documents for said purchase.

Alderman McGovern moved to approve the purchase seconded by Alderman McGovern.

On roll call, the motion to approve the purchase was:

Ayes: (8) Begley, Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Lewandowski, McGrogan, McGovern

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

B. Clerk: No Report

C. Treasurer:

Delivered Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2021 as follows:

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$5,296,893

Revenues \$708,306

Expenses \$798,328

Other \$26,846

Ending cash balance \$5,233,717

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$21,438,096

Revenues \$1,442,630

Expenses \$1,456,178

Other \$68,468

Ending cash balance \$21,493,016

Alderman Bylut moved to approve the Treasurer's Report seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. City Attorney: No Report

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL**

None

**X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan:*

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve Amendment #2 of the Municipal Systems Agreement seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: Cautioned residents to be aware of coyotes in the neighborhood.
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Begley*: No Report
- D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*: No Report
- E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*:

- Alderman Key moved to approve an Ordinance to sell on i-Bid and / or trade-in the 2007 Ford Explorer, VIN 1FMEU73E87UA63632 in the amount of \$500.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

On roll call, the motion to approve the ordinance was:

Ayes: (8) Begley, Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Lewandowski,  
McGrogan, McGovern

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve payment to Vermont Systems INC. for the amount of \$9,350.34 for the annual RecTrac software contract seconded by Alderman Clifford.

On roll call, the motion to approve the payment was:

Ayes: (8) Begley, Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Lewandowski,  
McGrogan, McGovern

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

F. Roads and Construction - Chairperson Alderman Clifford

- Alderman Clifford moved to approve a Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$564,500.00 for 2022 MFT expenditures seconded by Alderman Key.

On roll call, the motion to approve the resolution was:

Ayes: (8) Begley, Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Lewandowski,  
McGrogan, McGovern

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Clifford moved to approve going out to bid for the 2022 roadway program (Shadow Creek Drive from Pinehurst Drive to Ridgeland Ave., Pinehurst Drive, Pinehurst Court, Westgate Ave. from Highland Drive to the end of the cul-de-sac, McIntosh Drive, Oak Lane and 69th Ave. from 122nd to 123rd) seconded by Alderman Basso. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Clifford moved to approve payment to Morris Engineering services for the amount of \$18,503.50 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

On roll call, the motion to approve the payment was:

Ayes: (8) Begley, Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Lewandowski, McGrogan, McGovern

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Clifford reported on the completion of the 123rd Street Construction noting that minor restoration including landscaping in the spring may need to be addressed.
- Alderman Clifford reported on the two snow storms thus far not 12/28 and 1/1/22. On 12/28 the snow was cleared by 5 pm on 1/1 the snow was plowed from 5:30 to 9:30 pm and returned at 6 am to clean up the remaining snow. Approximately 66 tons of salt was used during both days.

F. License, Permits & Franchises: Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski: No Report

G. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut: No Report*

## **XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key - No Report

B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern - Delivered the end of the year report reporting that 240 shows all edited and aired on Channel 4 focusing on the Palos Heights community, local businesses and government.

## **XII. OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman McGrogan urged residents to be aware of carjackers when gassing up at the pump.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

None


**XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS**

None

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:20 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK**

  
Thomas Kantas

2.1.22

Date